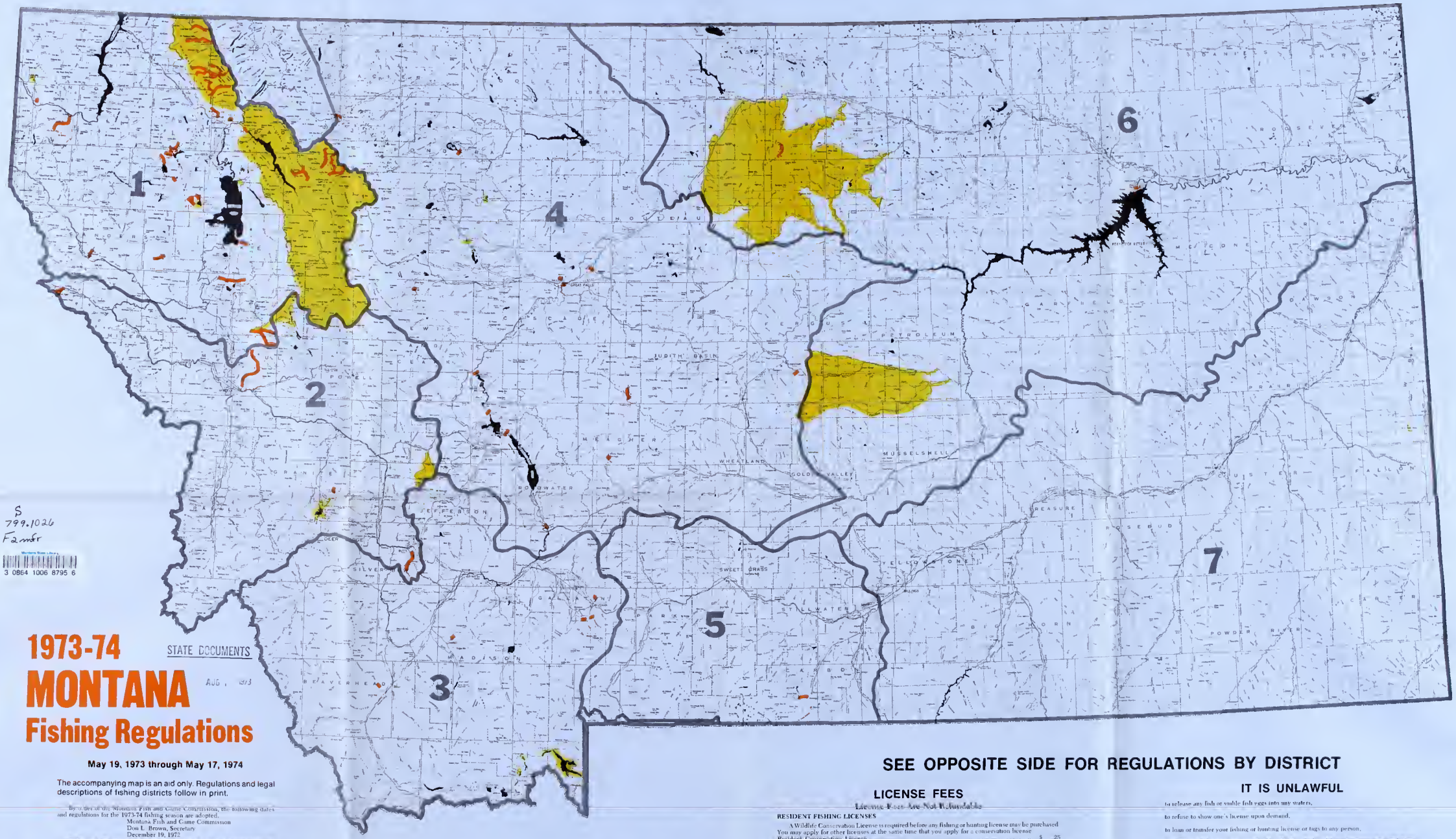

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1973-74 MONTANA Fishing Regulations

STATE DOCUMENTS
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May 19, 1973 through May 17, 1974

The accompanying map is an aid only. Regulations and legal descriptions of fishing districts follow in print.

By a vote of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following dates and regulations for the 1973-74 fishing season are adopted.
Montana Fish and Game Commission
Don L. Brown, Secretary
December 19, 1972

To be in full force and effect through May 17, 1974. All regulations are subject to change by the Commission.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

A fishing license is a permit for the lawful holder thereof to fish for and possess any fish within the state as authorized by fishing regulations.

Residents — Each resident 15 years and older must have a license to fish. Residents 14 years old or younger may fish without a license but must observe limits and all other fishing regulations.

Special licenses and permits are available for patients at veterans' administration hospitals and for residents of certain state institutions.

Nonresidents — All nonresidents 15 years and older must have a fishing license to fish. Nonresidents 14 years old or younger may fish without a license when accompanied by an adult with a valid Montana fishing license. The total number of pounds of all fish taken by the licensed adult and all persons 14 or younger, accompanied by such licensed adult, shall not exceed one legal limit. However, a nonresident of any age may purchase a nonresident fishing license and be entitled to take a legal limit of fish.

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LEGEND

- FISHING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
- CLOSED TO FISHING ENTIRE YEAR
- DATES MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN GENERAL FISHING DATES

SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR REGULATIONS BY DISTRICT

LICENSE FEES

License Fees Are Not Refundable

RESIDENT FISHING LICENSES	
A Wildlife Conservation License is required before any fishing or hunting license may be purchased. You may apply for other licenses at the same time that you apply for a conservation license.	
Resident Conservation License	$ 25
Resident Fishing License (stamp)	1.00
Resident Sportsman's License (includes Wildlife Conservation License)	20.25
Residents 65 or older need only a Pioneer License to fish (available only from State Fish & Game offices and wardens)	15
Combination Pioneer and Wildlife Conservation License (available from license dealers)	40
NONRESIDENT FISHING LICENSES	
A Wildlife Conservation License is required before any fishing or hunting license may be purchased. You may apply for other licenses at the same time you apply for a conservation license.	
Nonresident Conservation License	$ 1.00
Nonresident Season Fishing License (stamp)	15.00
Nonresident Temporary Fishing License (6-day stamp)	5.00
Nonresident Temporary Fishing License (1-day stamp)	1.00
Nonresident Fish, Bird, and Big Game License (includes Wildlife Conservation License)	151.00

IT IS UNLAWFUL

to release any fish or viable fish eggs into any waters,

to refuse to show one's license upon demand,

to loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or tags to any person,

to sell game fish except as prescribed by Montana Fish and Game Commission regulations,

to leave or dump any dead animal, fish, garbage or litter in or on any state or private property where public recreation is permitted,

to use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of the same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any streams where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish,

to operate upon Montana waters a boat which

is not properly licensed and numbered with registration card carried in boat,

is not carrying equipment required by the Montana Water Safety Law (copies available from Montana Department of Fish and Game),

does not have one serviceable, Coast Guard approved life preserver for each passenger. Preservers must be of a type approved by U. S. Coast Guard. Persons under 13 years old must wear life preservers when boat is in motion and is less than 26 feet long.

STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

When weighing fish to determine limits, fish may have entrails removed but must have their heads and tails attached to their bodies

Only limit shall mean the numbers or pounds of fish that may be legally taken during a calendar day No person shall take or possess more than the daily limit of fish unless otherwise specified under district regulations.

Possession limit shall mean the numbers or pounds of fish which may be in one person's possession at any time in any form — fresh, stored in freezers or lockers, salted, smoked, dried, canned or otherwise preserved

The STATEWIDE daily and possession limit of any species of game fish shall not exceed the next liberal district limit for that species

SEASONS

All dates given are inclusive dates. Where dates specify an open season, fishing is closed throughout the remainder of the year. An open season is for all species unless otherwise specified.

FISHING HOURS

Fishing is allowed at all hours during open fishing seasons except where waters are posted otherwise

GAME FISH

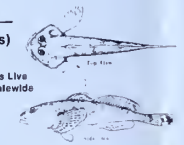
All species of the genus Acipenser (sturgeon), all species of the genus Esox (northern pike), all species of the genus Polyodon (paddlefish), all species of the family Salmonidae (char, trout, salmon, grayling, and whitefish), and all species of the genus Stizostedion (sauger and walleye)

MEANS OF TAKING

Only a single line with hook or hooks, with or without a pole, may be used for fishing unless otherwise specified in district regulations The pole or line must be in immediate control

A screen or a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus) for bait Otherwise, use or possession of minnow seines, snares, or fish traps is unlawful except as provided under district regulations

COTTUS— (Sculpins)



Can Be Used As Live Bait Statewide

COLOR CODES

- Fishing District Boundaries
- Closed To Fishing All Year
- Season More Restrictive Than General Season

FISH AS BAIT

Carp or goldfish may be used as bait

Sculpins (Cottus) may be used live for bait statewide Otherwise, fish may not be used or transported for bait except as provided under district regulations

Fish that may be used dead or bait, but which may not be used live, must have their heads or entrails removed, or must have been preserved or frozen

It shall be prohibited for any person to introduce into any water any food or substance that may concentrate or attract fish (This does not prohibit angling for fish with legal lures and baits or placing bait inside hoop nets where hoop nets are permitted)

CLOSED WATERS

All waters operated by the Montana Department of Fish and Game and the U S Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries and rearing ponds shall be closed to fishing at all times Waters in which the Department of Fish and Game is operating fish traps and other special structures shall be closed to fishing as posted Certain water supply lakes and streams and hazardous areas are closed as posted

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS

Waters posted as Children's Fishing Waters are closed to fishing during the entire year to persons fourteen (13) years of age and older

BEAVER PONDS, IRRIGATION CANALS AND DITCHES

Impoundments formed by beaver dams on streams are governed by the same regulations as govern the streams Man-made irrigation canals and ditches are open the year around unless shown otherwise under district regulations.

INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES

Certain waters on Indian reservations and national wildlife refuges may have special regulations that apply to them in addition to those listed here Specific information may be obtained from the headquarters of the reservation or refuge involved.

MOTORBOAT CLOSURES

It is illegal to operate motor-propelled boats or other motor-propelled craft on the following bodies of water:

- Arapooish Access Area — Big Horn County
- Ashton Reservoir — Toole County
- Bearpaw Lake — Hill County
- Beartooth Rest Area Pond — Granite County
- Big Hole River — to its outlets
- Bonanza Lake (Duck Fly Fish Pond) — Custer County
- Broadview Pond — Yellowstone County
- Cedar Creek Impoundment — Flathead County
- Cole Ponds — Phillips County
- Frey Reservoir — Toole County
- Fitzpatrick Reservoir — Toole County
- Frenchtown Pond — Missoula County
- Forest Lake — Meagher County
- Gartside Reservoir — Richland County
- Harpers Lake — Missoula County
- Helena Valley Reservoir — Lewis and Clark County
- Henry Reservoir — Toole County
- Lake Levo — Powell County
- Missouri River from Ennis Lake to Quake Lake — Madison County
- Park Lake — Jefferson County
- Smith River — Cascade and Meagher Counties
- Town Lakes — Ravalli County
- Whitetail Reservoir — Daniels County
- Wood Lake — Lewis and Clark County

All rivers and streams east of the Continental Divide in the following counties are closed to the use of boats propelled by machinery of over 10 horsepower: Beaverhead, Broadwater (except Missouri River, downstream from Toston Dam), Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison, Park (except Yellowstone River, downstream from Interstate 90 Bridge at Livingston), and Silver Bow

For additional regulations on controlled speed, operation, and safety standards contact the Montana Department of Fish and Game

Central Montana FISHING DISTRICT 4

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER, UPPER MUSSELSHELL RIVER, DEARBORN RIVER, SUN RIVER, TETON RIVER, MARIAS RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER AND UPPER MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River and tributary drainages from Three Forks to and including the Marias River, tributary drainage of the Missouri River on the south side from the Marias to but not including the Musselshell Drainage, the Musselshell River and tributary drainages above the bridge at Lavina, the St. Mary River and tributary drainages and the Milk River and tributary drainages in Glacier County)

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS — Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions:

Open Entire Year — Missouri River, Sun River below Gibson Dam, Pondera Coulee, Judith River below its confluence with Big Spring Creek, Cut Bank Creek below Blackfeet Indian Reservation Boundary, Belt Creek below bridge at Ruceville, Smith River below the confluence of North and South Forks Smith River, Big Spring Creek near Lewistown, Dearborn River and that portion of North Fork Dearborn River below the high bridge on the Stems-Augusta Highway, Teton River below U S Highway 89, Marias River, Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber

Closed Entire Year — Midvale Creek and the intake reservoir from the intake of the Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to the Glacier Park boundary, O'Brien Creek above the Neihart public water intake, Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source, Missouri River immediately below Holter Dam, Morony Dam, and Canyon Ferry Dam as posted, that portion of Giant Springs at Great Falls enclosed by the concrete walls and masonry work, Big Spring Creek in Fergus County at the state fish hatchery as posted.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS — Open entire year with the following exceptions

Closed Entire Year — A portion of Lake Frances around the Conrad water supply outlet as posted, Sheffels Pond located in Cascade County, approximately two hundred (200) yards of Nilan Reservoir's shoreline as posted, Hauser Dam structure and adjacent water as posted, and Toston Dam structure as posted

Open January 1 through March — Priest Butte Lake

Open second Saturday in June through February of the following year — Eyraud (Arod) Lakes

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of nongame fish

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the following waters

Open Entire Year — Lake Frances, except portion closed as posted, Missouri River from bridge at Cascade to Black Eagle Dam, Missouri River below Morony Dam, Teton River below U S Highway 89, Marias River in its entirety (including Tiber Reservoir), Split Rock Lake, Pishkun Reservoir.

Open December 1 through March of the following year — Missouri River and mainstem impoundments from and including Canyon Ferry Reservoir to Holter Dam including Lake Helena and the Helena Valley Reservoir, Cut Bank Creek below Cut Bank city water intake dam

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through January of the following year — Helena Valley Reservoir, Ackley Lake, Pishkun Reservoir, Inlet Canal from Kinkle Drop to Lake Frances, except portion closed as posted, Lake Frances and the outlet stream, and Bynum Reservoir.

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

FISH SIZE LIMIT

None

BAIT
(Use Of Fish For Bait)

The use of sculpins (Cottus) is allowed in all waters Other nongame fish (except carp or goldfish) may be used in the Missouri River downstream from Morony Dam

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit Each fisherman may take all of the following limits

1 Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination of the following species — Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Grayling, Golden Trout, and Lake Trout

2 Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit

3 Bass, Sauger, Walleye — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination

4 Northern Pike — Three (3) fish

5 Salmon — Ten (10) fish except during snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and the possession limit seventy (70) fish

6 Whitefish — Twenty (20) whitefish daily and forty (40) in possession, except a daily limit of thirty (30) whitefish and a possession limit of sixty (60) whitefish are allowed from the Missouri River between Holter Dam and Black Eagle Dam

7 Paddlefish — Two (2) fish

There is no limit on nongame fish

NETS
(Use Of)

In waters where use of live fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is allowed for bait, nongame species may be taken:

1 With seines not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and four (4) feet in width, or

2 With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter

A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus)

Northwestern Montana FISHING DISTRICT 1

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE BELOW THE MOUTH OF THE FLATHEAD RIVER, FLATHEAD RIVER AND KOOTENAI RIVER DRAINAGES

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS — Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions

Open Entire Year — Little Bitterroot River below its tunnel, Ashley Creek below Smith Lake, Flathead River below Kerr Dam, Kootenai River, Clark Fork River below Warm Springs Creek

Closed Entire Year — Rogers Lake spawning inlet The following tributaries of North Fork Flathead River Big Creek, Coal Creek and all their tributaries, Whale Creek and its tributaries below Whale Creek Falls, Trail Creek (Yakuskak) and its tributaries below mouth of Thoma Creek The following tributaries of Middle Fork Flathead River Granite, Morrison, Lodgepole, Long Creeks and their tributaries South Fork of Flathead River downstream from Hungry Horse Dam to "Devil's Elbow" as posted Hemig Creek, tributary of Little Bitterroot Lake Basil, Green Mountain and Fish Creeks, tributaries of Ashley Lake Donaldson and Freeland Creeks, tributaries of Lake Mary Ronan, Ashley Creek from the Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source, Hell Roaring Creek, water supply for Polson, and its lakes from the outlet of the lower lake to its source Crow Creek and its tributaries above the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from the Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes O'Brien Creek from Troy city water intake to a point one-fourth (¼) mile upstream as posted Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source South Fork of Jocko River and all its tributaries

Open third Saturday in June through November — South Fork of Flathead River above Hungry Horse Reservoir, its tributaries and all tributaries of Hungry Horse Reservoir Tributaries of the North Fork and Middle Fork of Flathead River, except those closed entire year Jocko River and its tributaries above the mouth of the South Fork of Jocko River Swan River from Big Fork Dam to a point three hundred (300) feet downstream

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS — Open entire year with the following exceptions

Closed Entire Year — Lakes in the South Fork of the Jocko Drainage on the Flathead Indian Reservation Cedar Creek impoundment, within one thousand (1,000) feet of Columbia Falls water intake as posted

Closed from March 1 to the opening date of streams — All lake and reservoir areas within three hundred (300) feet of stream mouths

Open third Saturday in May through September — Kalkreman Lake

Open third Saturday in May through March of the following year — Lake Mary Ronan.

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of nongame fish.

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1, through January of the following year — All waters except those closed the entire year

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing

December 1 through March of the following year — Northern pike and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from Echo Lake.

SETLINE FISHING — Open February 15 through June — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the Kootenai River for burbot (Lang) only

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON (in addition to other seasons) **— Open December 1 through March of the following year** — All waters except Kilkreman Lake and waters closed entire year

FISH SIZE LIMITS
(Dolly Varden and Sturgeon)

The minimum size of Oolly Varden (bull trout) which may be taken in the North Fork, Middle Fork and South Fork of the Flathead River and their tributaries, the main Flathead River above Kerr Dam, Flathead Lake, Hungry Horse Reservoir, and that portion of the Swan River below Big Fork Dam shall be no less than eighteen (18) inches long with head and tail attached to body.

It shall be unlawful to keep in possess any sturgeon of the genus Acipenser (white sturgeon) under forty (40) inches or over seventy-two (72) inches in total length.

BAIT
(Use of Fish for Bait)

Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as bait See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits.

1 Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination of the following species — Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout, Oolly Varden and Grayling

2 Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit

3 Bass, Walleye and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination

4 Salmon — Except at Lake Mary Ronan Daily — Thirty-five (35) salmon whether taken by angling or snagging Possession — Seventy (70) salmon whether taken by angling or snagging.

Lake Mary Ronan — Ouring regular angling season — Ten (10) salmon daily and possession. During snagging season — Thirty-five (35) salmon daily, seventy (70) salmon possession.

5 Sturgeon — Two (2) sturgeon per calendar year.

6 Whitefish — Twenty (20) whitefish daily and forty (40) pos tession except a daily limit of thirty (30) whitefish and a possession limit of sixty (60) whitefish are allowed from the South Fork of the Flathead River Drainage above Hungry Horse Dam.

There is no limit on nongame fish.

NETS
(Use Of)

Use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is prohibited. This does not prohibit the use of a landing net for landing hooked fish. A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus)

West Central Montana FISHING DISTRICT 2

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Clark Fork River Drainage above the mouth of the Flathead River)

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS — Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions

Open Entire Year — Clark Fork River below Warm Springs Creek, Clearwater River below the Lake Inez fish barrier, Big Blackfoot River below Scotty Brown bridge, Bitterroot River below the bridge at Florence

Closed Entire Year — Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from the Missoula water supply dam of the Montana Power Company to its source, Basin Creek from the lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries. Silver Creek above Saltese water supply intake

Open third Saturday in June through November — The Little Blackfoot Drainage above the Helena Lions Sunshine Camp and the Clearwater Drainage above the Lake Inez fish barrier.

Open third Saturday in July through October — Stuart Mill Creek, Flint Creek above Georgetown Lake and Hardtla Creek

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS — Open entire year with the following exceptions

Closed Entire Year — Feed Butt Lake (Philipsburg water supply) and Georgetown Lake pump station area approximately three hundred (300) feet along the shore and one hundred (100) feet out into the lake as designated by signs and buoys.

Open third Saturday in May through November — Echo Lake

Open third Saturday in May through October and third Saturday in December through February of the following year — Georgetown Lake

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of nongame fish

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — Open September 1 through January of the following year — Georgetown Lake and Clearwater Drainage

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing.

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON (in addition to other seasons) **— Open December 1 through March of the following year** — All waters, except waters closed entire year and waters posted as closed to fishing.

FISH SIZE LIMIT

None

BAIT
(Use Of Fish For Bait)

Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as bait See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits

1. Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination of the following species — Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Golden Trout, Lake Trout, Dolly Varden and Grayling.

2. Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit

3. Bass, Walleye and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination

4 Salmon — Ten (10) fish, except during snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) and possession limit seventy (70).

5. Whitefish — Twenty (20) fish daily and forty (40) possession.

There is no limit on nongame fish.

NETS
(Use Of)

Use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is prohibited. This does not prohibit the use of a landing net for landing hooked fish. A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus).

Southwestern Montana FISHING DISTRICT 3

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN RIVER DRAINAGES

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS — Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions

Open Entire Year — Gallatin River from Gallatin Gateway bridges to confluence with Missouri River, East Gallatin River below mouth of Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek, Jefferson River, Ruby River below Ruby Dam, Madison River below Ennis Lake, Beaverhead River below Clark Canyon Dam, Alder Gulch Creek and Oredge Ponds from the mouth to Virginia City, Mill Creek near Sheridan and Missouri River

Closed Entire Year — Indian Creek from Sheridan city water intake to a point one thousand (1,000) feet upstream as posted, Rattlesnake Creek from each Olden city water intake to a point one thousand (1,000) feet upstream as posted Middle Fork Hyalite Creek, Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek and Lyman Creek from the Bozeman city water intake to a point one thousand (1,000) feet upstream as posted

Open third Saturday in May through February of the following year — Madison River from Hebgen Dam to Ennis Lake

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS — Open entire year with the following exceptions

Open third Saturday in May through February of the following year — Hebgen Lake, Wade Lake and Quake Lake

Open third Saturday in June through November — Hulden Lake, Goose Lake and Otter Lake.

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of nongame fish.

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON (in addition to other seasons) **— Open December 1 through March of the following year** — All waters, except waters closed entire year, Hidden Lake, Goose Lake and Otter Lake

OTHER — The Big Hole River Drainage above Divide Dam shall be open to fishing for brook trout the entire year, except that portion of the Big Hole River from the bridge at Wisdom to Divide Dam.

BOATING RESTRICTION

Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft is prohibited in the Madison River from Quake Lake to Mc Atee Bridge

FISH SIZE LIMIT

None

BAIT
(Use Of Fish For Bait)

Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as bait See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit. Each fisherman may take all of the following limits.

1. Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination of the following species — Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Grayling, Golden Trout and Lake Trout

2 Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit

3 Bass, Sunger, Walleye and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination.

4 Whitefish — Twenty (20) fish daily and forty (40) possession.

5 Salmon — Ten (10) fish except during snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and the possession limit seventy (70) fish

There is no limit on nongame fish

NETS
(Use Of)

Use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is prohibited This does not prohibit the use of a landing net for landing hooked fish. A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus)

South Central Montana FISHING DISTRICT 5

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Yellowstone River Drainage above and including Clarks Fork Yellowstone River)

FISHING SEASONS

STREAMS — Open third Saturday in May through November, with the following exceptions.

Open Entire Year — Clarks Fork Yellowstone River, Yellowstone River and Bluewater Creek

Closed Entire Year — West Fork of Rock Creek from the Red Lodge city water intake to the mouth of Washoe Creek as posted.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS — Open Entire Year.

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of nongame fish.

SNAGGING FOR SALMON — September 1 through January of the following year — Dailey Lake

There is no limit on nongame fish.

NETS
(Use Of)

Use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is prohibited. This does not prohibit the use of a landing net for landing hooked fish. A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus)

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the following waters

Open Entire Year — Clarks Fork Yellowstone River below the bridge at Bridger.

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON (in addition to other seasons) **— Open December 1 through March of the following year.** All waters except waters closed entire year

OTHER — In the lakes of the Beartooth and Absaroka Mountain areas of Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass and Park Counties the daily and possession limit on golden, cutthroat, rainbow, brown and lake trout, and grayling shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination of the following species — Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Grayling, Golden Trout and Lake Trout.

FISH SIZE LIMIT

None

BAIT
(Use Of Fish For Bait)

Sculpins (Cottus) are the only fish that may be used live as bait See "Fish as Bait" under General Regulations

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Two (2) fish may be taken regardless of weight limit Each fisherman may take all of the following limits

1 Ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish or ten (10) fish, whichever is reached first, in any combination of the following species — Brown Trout, Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Grayling, Golden Trout and Lake Trout.

2 Brook Trout — Ten (10) pounds, no number limit

3 Walleye, Sauger, Bass and Northern Pike — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination

4 Salmon — Ten (10) fish, except during the snagging season when the daily limit shall be thirty-five (35) fish and possession limit seventy (70) fish.

5 Whitefish — Thirty (30) whitefish daily, and sixty (60) whitefish possession

6 Paddlefish — Two (2) fish

There is no limit on nongame fish.

NETS
(Use Of)

Use of nets or traps for catching fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is prohibited This does not prohibit the use of a landing net for landing hooked fish A screen or a net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus)

Northeastern Montana FISHING DISTRICT 6

LOWER MISSOURI RIVER, LOWER MUSSELSHELL RIVER and MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River Drainage below the Musselshell River, the Missouri River and all drainages from the north which enter the Missouri River between the Marias River and the Musselshell River, the Milk River Drainage outside of Glacier County, and Musselshell River and drainage below the bridge at Lavina)

FISHING SEASONS

ALL WATERS — Open Entire Year with the following exceptions.

Closed Entire Year — Wind Creek from Clear Creek road crossing to its source, excluding Ross Reservoir Missouri River below the outlet tunnels of Fort Peck Dam as posted.

Open third Saturday in May through November — Streams south of Highway 2 which originate in the Bearpaw Mountains Flatwillow Creek and tributaries and McDonald Creek and tributaries in Petroleum and Fergus Counties.

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the following waters.

Open Entire Year — Missouri River and dredge cuts (excluding the Dredge Cut Trout Pond), Musselshell River below the bridge at Lavina, Milk River and its impoundments (including Fresno Reservoir), Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, Poplar River, Fort Peck Reservoir, Nelson Reservoir, Ester Reservoir, McNeil Slough, and Medicine Lake.

Open December 1 through March of the following year — All lakes and reservoirs

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing

Open December 1 through March of the following year — Northern Pike, Walleye, Sauger and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from all waters

FISH SIZE LIMIT

None

BAIT
(Use Of Fish For Bait)

The use of sculpins (Cottus) is allowed in all waters Other nongame fish (except carp or goldfish) may be used in the Dredge Cut Trout Pond, Kuester Reservoir, Cole Ponds, McChesney Reservoir, Killenbeck Reservoir, Fort Peck Reservoir, Nelson Reservoir, Little Wann Reservoir, Ester Reservoir, McNeil Slough, Raymond Reservoir, Bainville Railroad Ponds, Medicine Lake, Musselshell River below the bridge at Lavina, Milk River and its impoundments as it flows Fresno Reservoir, Lone Tree Creek and its impoundments, and all streams and rivers, except the Milk River and its tributaries above Fresno Reservoir and streams south of Highway 2 which originate in the Bearpaw Mountains, and Flatwillow Creek and tributaries and McDonald Creek and tributaries in Petroleum and Fergus Counties.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits.

1. All Trout, Grayling and Whitefish — Ten (10) fish in any combination

2. Salmon — Ten (10) fish

3. Walleye and Sauger — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination.

4. Northern Pike — Five (5) fish

5. Paddlefish — Two (2) fish

There is no limit on nongame fish or bass

NETS
(Use Of)

A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus)

Hoop Nets — Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used to take nongame fish in the Milk River downstream from Highway 2 bridge below Dodson Dam except from Vandalia Dam to a point one-quarter (¼) mile downstream, in the Missouri River below the mouth of the Milk River. Each net must be clearly marked with the owner's name and address.

Minnow Seines and Traps — In all waters where the use of live fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is allowed for bait, nongame species may be taken.

1 With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and four (4) feet in width, or

2 With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter

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LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER and LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Yellowstone River Drainage below and excluding the Clarks Fork Yellowstone River, and all other drainages in Montana southeast of the Yellowstone River)

FISHING SEASONS

ALL WATERS — Open entire year with the following exceptions

Open February 1 through October — Rush Hall Pond

SPECIAL SEASONS

BOW AND ARROW AND SNAGGING — All waters open to angling are open to bow and arrow hunting and to snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish

SETLINE FISHING — Anglers may use up to six (6) unattended setlines with up to six (6) hooks per line in the following waters.

Open Entire Year — Yellowstone River below the mouth of the Clarks Fork, Little Bighorn River from its mouth to the mouth of Lodge Grass Creek, Bighorn River below Two Leggins diversion dam, and all streams in the Yellowstone River Drainage downstream from the mouth of the Bighorn River.

Open December 1 through March of the following year — All lakes and reservoirs, except Broadview Pond and Bighorn Lake (Yellowtail Reservoir) and Afterbay.

SPEAR FISHING — Persons swimming or submerged may take nongame fish with the aid of rubber or spring-propelled spears in all waters open to fishing

Open December 1 through March of the following year — Northern Pike, Walleye, Sauger, and nongame fish may be taken by spear or gig from all waters downstream from the mouth of the Bighorn River

FISH SIZE LIMIT

None

BAIT
(Use Of Fish For Bait)

In addition to the use of sculpins (Cottus), which is allowed in all waters, the use of other nongame fish (except carp and goldfish) will be allowed in Tongue River Reservoir, Bighorn Lake and its Afterbay Reservoir, and all streams and rivers, except Prior Creek, Sage Creek, and Little Bighorn River upstream from the mouth of Lodge Grass Creek

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Unless otherwise specified, the following limits are both daily and possession limits

Each fisherman may take all of the following limits.

1. All Trout, Salmon, Grayling and Whitefish — Ten (10) fish in any combination, except Bighorn River Drainage where the limit shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish not to exceed ten (10) fish

2. Sauger and Walleye — Fifteen (15) fish in any combination.

3. Northern Pike — Five (5) fish

4. Paddlefish — Two (2) fish

There is no limit on nongame fish or bass.

NETS
(Use Of)

A screen or net not to exceed four (4) feet in length may be used to take sculpins (Cottus)

Hoop Nets — Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used to take nongame fish in Yellowstone River downstream from the mouth of Bighorn River (except for approximately two hundred (200) yards below all irrigation diversion dams) Each net must be clearly marked with the owner's name and address

Minnow Seines and Traps — In all waters where the use of live fish other than sculpins (Cottus) is allowed for bait, nongame species may be taken.

1 With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length and four (4) feet in width, or

2 With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter.